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## REMARKS

These Remarks are in response to the Office Action dated February 11, 2004 in which a restriction was imposed as follows:

- I. Claims 1-33, drawn to a balloon catheter assembly, classified in class 604, subclass 96.
  - II. Claims 34-55, drawn to a method of configuring a portion of medical balloon, classified in class 128, subclass 898.
  - III. Claims 56-63, drawn to a medical balloon, classified in class 606, subclass 194.
- Also, a species election was imposed.

Applicant notes that claims 1-24 are directed to a device for configuring an inflatable balloon of a balloon catheter; claims 25-27, dependent from claim 1, are directed to a method of configuring at least a portion of a medical balloon; claims 28-30, dependent from claim 8, are directed to a method of configuring at least a portion of a medical balloon; claims 31-33 dependent from claim 15, are directed to a method of configuring at least a portion of a medical balloon; claims 34-55 are directed to a method of configuring at least a portion of a medical balloon; claim 56-60 are directed to a medical balloon.

Applicant hereby elects with traverse to prosecute invention I corresponding to claims 1-33 and to prosecute species 1 corresponding to Figs. 1-7. In light of the Examiner's inclusion in group I of some claims directed to a method of configuring a portion of medical

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balloon, the Applicant hereby requests that the claims of group II, also directed to a method of configuring a portion of medical balloon be examined.

Claims 1-9, 14, 16-19, 22-23, 25-26, 28-29, 34-40, 45-46, and 56 read on the elected species. Of these, claims 1-9, 14, 16-19, 22-23, 25-26, 28-29 are in elected group I.

Respectfully submitted,

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